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**Amendments to the Claims:**

Please replace the pending claims with the following claims:

1. (currently amended) A combination vaccine for the protection of poultry against *Ornithobacterium rhinotracheale*, characterized in that wherein said combination vaccine comprises a live over-attenuated *Ornithobacterium rhinotracheale* strain and a live attenuated poultry virus.
2. (currently amended) [[A]] The combination vaccine according to claim 1, characterized in that wherein said live attenuated poultry virus is Infectious Bronchitis virus, Newcastle Disease virus, Turkey Rhinotracheitis virus, Marek's virus or Avian Reovirus.
3. (currently amended) [[A]] The combination vaccine according to claim 1, characterized in that wherein said live attenuated poultry virus is Infectious Bronchitis virus, Newcastle Disease virus or Turkey Rhinotracheitis virus.
4. (currently amended) [[A]] The combination vaccine according to claim 1, characterized in that wherein said live attenuated poultry virus is Newcastle Disease virus.
5. (currently amended) [[A]] The combination vaccine according to claim 1, characterized in that wherein said live attenuated poultry virus is Newcastle Disease virus type NDC2.
6. (currently amended) [[A]] The combination vaccine according to claim 1, characterized in that wherein said live attenuated poultry virus is Turkey Rhinotracheitis virus.
7. (currently amended) [[A]] The combination vaccine according to claim 1, characterized in that wherein said live attenuated poultry virus is Infectious Bronchitis virus.

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8. (currently amended) [[A]] The combination vaccine according to claim 1 claims 1-7, characterized in that wherein said live over-attenuated *Ornithobacterium rhinotracheale* has a mutation, said mutation preferably being a deletion[[,]] in the *purD*-gene or the *recA*-gene.
9. (currently amended) [[A]] The combination vaccine according to claim 1 claims 1-8, characterized in that wherein said combination vaccine comprises an additional antigen derived from a virus or micro-organism pathogenic to poultry or genetic information encoding said antigen.
10. (currently amended) [[A]] The combination vaccine according to claim 9, characterized in that wherein the virus or micro-organism is selected from the group consisting of Infectious Bronchitis virus, Infectious Bursal Disease (Gumboro), Chicken Anaemia agent, Avian Reovirus, *Mycoplasma gallisepticum*, Turkey Rhinotracheitis virus, *Haemophilus paragallinarum* (Coryza), Chicken Poxvirus, Avian Encephalomyelitisvirus, Duck Plague virus, Egg Drop syndrome virus, Infectious Laryngotracheitis virus, Herpes Virus of Turkeys, Eimeria species, *Ornithobacterium rhinotracheale*, *Pasteurella multocida*, *Mycoplasma synoviae*, *Salmonella* species and *E. coli*.
11. (currently amended) Use of a live over attenuated *Ornithobacterium rhinotracheale* strain and a live attenuated poultry virus for the manufacturing of a combination vaccine A method of protecting for the protection of poultry against *Ornithobacterium rhinotracheale* comprising administering a combination vaccine comprising live over-attenuated *Ornithobacterium rhinotracheale* strain and a live attenuated poultry virus.
12. (currently amended) Use of a live over attenuated *Ornithobacterium rhinotracheale* strain and a live attenuated poultry virus for the manufacturing of a combination vaccine for the protection of poultry against *Ornithobacterium rhinotracheale*, The method according to claim 11, wherein the live over-attenuated *Ornithobacterium rhinotracheale* strain and the live attenuated poultry virus are administered simultaneously, separately or sequentially.

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13. (currently amended) A method for preparing Method for the preparation of a the combination vaccine according to claim 1 claims 1-10, characterized in that wherein said method comprises the admixing of a live over-attenuated *Ornithobacterium rhinotracheale* strain, a live attenuated poultry virus and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
14. (currently amended) A vaccination kit for the immunization of poultry against *Ornithobacterium rhinotracheale*, characterized in that wherein said kit comprises
  - a) a live over-attenuated *Ornithobacterium rhinotracheale* strain [[and]] ;
  - b) a live attenuated poultry virus [[and]] ;
  - c) optionally a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier for the component under a and/or b (a); and
  - d) optionally a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier for (b).
15. (currently amended) A vaccination kit according to claim 14, characterized in that wherein the carrier of (c) or (d) comprises an adjuvant.